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1. The steel works in the Russian zone have been producing steel ingots faster than the rolling mills can handle them. The storage spaces at the steel works are filled to capacity. In February 1949, there were 46,000 tons of steel ingots piled up, and at the present rate of production there will be an excess of 80,000 tons of steel ingots at the end of June 1949.
2. The main bottle-neck in the steel industry is the lack of rolling-mill machines. Rolling-mill lathes and trueing machines were ordered from the firm of Schlömann in Düsseldorf, British zone. The machines are ready, but the required authorization for shipment has not yet been received. The chief of the section for the iron industry in the DWK, Dr. M. H. Krämer, is negotiating for the construction plans of these machines so that they can be produced in the Russian zone if the deliveries fail to materialize. Despite the high SMA priority on steel-construction machinery, they could not be ready for use before the end of 1949.
3. The following rolling-mill machines were returned from Russia, and are to be set up:
  - a) A tire-roller, which had been dismantled in Gröditz, was returned, and is being set up at the Mitteldeutsche Stahlwerke plant. The shipment arrived in 52 railroad cars. The capacity will be 1,300 tons a month, or 500 flanges.
  - b) A sheet-metal roller and a fine metal roller (300 mm. diameter) are to be set up at the tank shop in Kirchmöser. Part of the shipment has arrived.
  - c) A fine metal roller (250 mm. diameter) which had formerly been at the Sächsische Gussstahlwerke in Döhlen is to be set up at Hennigsdorf. It is a modern trio roller, with spare parts.
  - d) A pipe roller which had formerly been at Schüller und Bleckmann in Tennitz.

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in 26 railroad cars. It is an old trio roller, which had been used for ball-bearing cases. The capacity of the roller is only 1,000 tons a month.

4. A cold roller plant is to be set up in Burg near Magdeburg from odds and ends of parts scattered over the zone.

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